Non-Adherence to Governemnt Direction

2551. SHRI SHIV CHARAN SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to answer to the Unstarred Question 412 given in the Rajya Sabha on 30th November, 1995 and state:

(a) what are the details of officers of the Ministry of Human Resource Development and Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan who have been held responsible during the preceding five years for failure to adhere to instruction of Government of India issued/renewed in May '94; and

(b) what are the details of action taken against delinquent officials?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SMT. MARGARET ALVA): (a) and (b) The system of sanction and payment of pension operates on a decentralised basis. The Head of Offices in the concerned Ministries/Departments from where a Government servant retires are responsible for ensuring such payments without delay. Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan is an autonomous body registered under Societies Registration Act, 1860. It has been intimated by the Sangathan that they have been following the provisions of Central Civil Services (Pension) Rules, 1972, in respect of their employees. It has also been reported that there is no case in their records where any officer has been held responsible for the delay in finalisation of pension in any specific case. Therefore, the question of fixing responsibility against any official did not arise.

Frequent Transfers of IAS and IPS Officers

2552. SHRI RAHASBIHARI BARIK: DR. BAPU KALDATE:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the IAS and IPS officers are being frequently transferred in some States;

(b) if so, names of those States;

(c) whether frequent transfers and reducing the tenure of IAS and IPS officers are affecting the efficiency; and

(d) if so, the steps taken to avoid such frequent transfers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SMT. MARGARET ALVA): (a) to (d) As the problem of frequent and arbitrary transfers can occur occasionally in any State, it would be difficult to identify every such State.

Given the scheme of the All India Services, transfers and postings of All India Service Officers are matters which fall under the purview of the State Governments. The Central Government has basically an advisory role to play in the matter.

However as any problem facing the Service and its consequential adverse effects on administration is a matter of concern to the Government, State Government are addressed on such issues from time to time. Wherever it is felt that reforms are required, the endeavour of the Government has been to introduce such changes as are necessary to meet the new challenges that administrators face in the performance of their assigned tasks. This is an ongoing process.

मध्य रेलवे के सोनागीर रेलवे स्टेशन पर रेलगाड़ियों का रुकना (स्टापेज)

2553. **श्री राघवजी:** क्या **प्रधान मंत्री** यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि वर्ष 1995-96 में मध्य रेलवे के सोनागीर रेलवे स्टेशन पर कुछ रेलगाड़ियों के स्टापेज समाप्त किए गए हैं अथवा किए जाने की संभावना है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है, और उसके क्या कारण हैं; और

(ग) क्या सरकार को इस बात की जानकारी है कि सोनागीर एक प्रसिद्ध जैन तीर्थस्थल है, जहां सारे भारत से जैन तीर्थ यात्री आते हैं?

रेल मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री सुरेश कलमाड़ी): (क) और (ख) यात्रियों की कमी के कारण 1.12.95 से 1457/1458 दादर-अमृतसर एक्सप्रेस गाड़ी का ठहराव हटा लिया गया है।

(ग) जी हां, मेलों के दौरान, अतिरिक्त मांग की पूर्ति के लिए,रेलें अतिरिक्त एक्सप्रेस गाड़ियों के अस्थाई ठहराव की व्यवस्था करती हैं?

Train Accidents

2554. SHRI RAMACHANDRAN PILLAI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of accidents in the Railways in the last three years and the loss of lives and properties, year-wise;

(b) whether there is a sudden increase in such accidents; if so, reasons thereof; and

(c) whether Government are aware of a seminar on Railways Safety held on June 30, 1995 in Dhanbad, organised by the Trade Unions holding use of contractors in track maintenance and lack of equipments responsible for accidents; if so, the details and the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SURESH KALMADI): (a) Information is as under:—

	1992-93	1993-94	1994-95
Number of consequential train accidents	524	520	501
Number of persons killed	282	379	305
Cost of damage to Railway property (Rs. in crores)	66.1	57.09	52.34

(b) No, Sir. In fact, the number of accidents has come down.

(c) A seminar was organised by an unrecognised union on June 30th, 1995 in Dhanbad Division in which safety matters were discussed in general.

Indian Railways accord the highest priority to the safety in train operations and the suggestions made by various forums/Trade Unions and Railway employees are always considered for improving safety in train operation.

Vacation of Illegal Encroachment by Shop- keepers

2555. DR. RANBIR SINGH: Will the Minister of URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is nexus between the shopkeepers in the markets of the Directorate of Estate and the CPWD/MCD/ Police, consequent to which the verandahs meant for public have been encroached upon as also the space in front thereof and in other open spaces around the markets;

(b) if so, the reasons for Government not taking congnizance thereof to get such illegal encroachments vacated; and

(c) the time by which these encroachments will be cleared?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE DEPTT. OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENTS (SHRI R.K. DHAWAN): (a) No such nexus has come to the notice of Government.

(b) and (c) As and when any case of encroachment is reported to the Directorate of Estates by CPWD, action is taken to cancel the allotment, as per the existing instructions in case the said encroachment is not removed within the notice period. It is not possible to give any specific time for removal of encroachments as it is a continuous process.